

(1) If you are a new active workforce member entering a position that conveys eligibility, you may apply for coverage within 60 days after becoming eligible.

(2) If you are entering a position that conveys eligibility as an active workforce member from a position that did not convey eligibility, you may apply for coverage within 60 days after becoming eligible.

(3) If you return to active service after a break in service of 180 days or more to a position that conveys eligibility, you may apply for coverage within 60 days after becoming eligible.

(b) Your spouse may also apply during that 60-day period after you become eligible.

(c) The underwriting requirements that will be required will be those applicable to active workforce members and their spouses during the last open season for enrollment before the date of your application.

(d) After the 60-day period ends, you may still apply for coverage, as may your spouse, but full underwriting requirements will apply.

(e) If your employing office determines that you were unable, for a cause beyond your control, to submit an application during the initial 60-day period, you may submit an application within 60 days after your employing office advises you of that determination. Similarly, your employing office may make this determination if your spouse is unable to submit an application during the same time period for a cause beyond his/her control. This employing office authority only applies within 6 months after the beginning date of the initial eligibility period. The underwriting requirements will be as specified in paragraph (c) of this section.

(f) Your other qualified relatives may apply for coverage at any time. They will be subject to full underwriting requirements.

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**§ 875.207 What happens if I am in nonpay status during an open season?**

(a) If you return to a pay status from nonpay status during the open season, you have 60 days from the date of your return, or until the end of the open sea-

son, whichever gives you more time, to apply for coverage pursuant to the open season underwriting requirements for Federal civilian or Postal employees and members of the uniformed services.

(b) If you return to pay status from nonpay status after the open season, you have 60 days from the date of your return to apply for coverage pursuant to the underwriting requirements specified for Federal civilian or Postal employees and members of the uniformed services in the immediately preceding open season.

(c) Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section apply only when you have been in nonpay status for more than one-half of an open season, unless you went into nonpay status for a reason beyond your control.

**§ 875.208 May I apply as a qualified relative if the person on whom I am basing my eligibility status has died?**

You may not apply as a qualified relative if the workforce member on whom you are basing your qualified relative status died prior to the time you apply for coverage, unless you are receiving a survivor annuity as the spouse of a deceased workforce member. In this case, your adult children and your current spouse are also considered to be qualified relatives.

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**§ 875.209 How do I demonstrate that I am eligible to apply for coverage?**

(a) When you submit your application for coverage, you must make known your status as a member of an eligible group.

(b) If the Carrier finds that you misrepresented your eligibility status, the Carrier has the right to void your coverage and return to you any premiums you paid, without interest. The incontestability provisions in § 875.408 do not apply to this section.

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